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COMMERCE FOR RANDY MYERS BIC

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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES INTEREST IN PURCHASING C-130

AIRCRAFT

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 1637 B. USDOC 02391

1. EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA APPRECIATES PROMPT RESPONSE TO REF A.
IN ADDITION TO REF B, WE RECEIVED COMMERCIAL TELEX FROM T.J.
STENSLOFF OF LOCKHEED GIVING DETAILS ON CIVILIAN AND MILITARY
VERSIONS OF HERCULES AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY
OF NEW AND USED AIRCRAFT. WE PASSED LOCKHEED TELEX TO GETACHEW
TENNA AT EAL.

2. TENNA CALLED EMBASSY LATE FEBRUARY 20 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE
IN CONTACTING FOLLOWING US AIRLINES WHICH WERE REPORTED IN
REF B OR LOCKHEED TELEX TO HAVE USED COMMERCIAL HERCULES:

ALASKA INTERNATIONAL AIR
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
ATTN: G. M. KAMATS

SOUTHERN AIR TRANSPORT
MIAMI, FLORIDA
ATTN: S. G. WILLIAMS

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ENCINO, CALIFORNIA

ATTN: COLM KENNEDY

SATURN AIRWAYS
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
ATTN: HOWARD KORTH

SPECIFICALLY, GETACHEW ASKED AIRLINES TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH
SITA COMMUNICATION NETWORK OR TO PROVIDE THEIR SITA CODES
AND HE WILL CONTACT THEM. EAL SITA CODE IS ADD JTET. IF COMMUNICATION
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THROUGH SITA NETWORK IS NOT POSSIBLE, GETACHEW REQUESTS TELEX
CONTACT. EAL TELEX NUMBER IS ADDIS ABABA 21012.

3. GETACHEW INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS; MODEL,
PAYLOAD CAPABILITY, PRICE, AVAILABILITY, DATE, OVERALL STATUS OF
AIRCRAFT, AIRFRAME HOURS, ENGINE HOURS, AND SPARE PARTS AVAILABLE
WITH AIRCRAFT. ALSO WISH TO KNOW IF AIRCRAFT HAVE FAR
CERTIFICATION AND FAR OPERATIONAL ELIGIBILITY.

4. GETACHEW IS LEAVING ETHIOPIA FEB 27 AND WILL ARRIVE IN US
ON OTHER BUSSINESS FEB 28. H WILL ATTEND INTERNATIONAL
AIRLINES TECHNICAL POOL CONFERENCE IN DALLAS. EMBASSY BELIEVES
THAT US FIRMS INTERESTED IN SELLING USED HERCULES SHOULD CONTACT
GETACHEW PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM ADDIS ABABA AND ATTEMPT TO
ARRANGE MEETING DURING HIS VISIT TO US.

5. EAL GENERAL MANAGER BRIG. GENERAL TAFESSE AYALEW TOLD
EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THAT EAL IS INTERESTED IN HERCULES
AS CIVILIAN CARGO AIRCRAFT, SPECIFICALLY TO TRANSPORT MEET TO
MIDDLE EAST. IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE UNRELATED TO ETHIOPIAN
AIR FORCE INTEREST IN MILITARY VERSION OF AIRCRAFT.
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